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Official meetings

[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters, *today*, 23 November 2006, official holiday.]

Friday, 24 November 2006

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 297th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Children and armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixth-first session

The 58th plenary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2006 at 10 a.m., to consider agenda items 16 (The situation in Afghanistan) and 155 (Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade). The General Assembly will also take up the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 58 (Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system) and the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007).

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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 24 November 2006

Room S-226

12 noon ..... Briefing by the Spokesman

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 27 November 2006

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Informal thematic debate entitled "Partnerships towards achieving the Millenium Development Goals: Taking stock, moving forward"

10 a.m. . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 27th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the afternoon, in a conference room to be announced. The Committee will take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Naoko Yamamoto (Japan), under agenda item 59 (a) (Training and research: United Nations University)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Serges Gba (Côte d'Ivoire), under agenda item 69 (b) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions) — Special economic assistance to Côte d'Ivoire

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 27 November 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the theme of the annual ministerial-level substantive review of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A, to discuss the theme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, at a time to be announced.

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations (closed), convened by the Permanent Mission of Angola, for members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, on Monday, 27 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[illegible] informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 31 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the World Diabetes Day)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on training issues and the implementation of the Revised Integrated Mission Planning Process (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).]

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Galvanizing action towards ending violence against women", to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Janette Amer, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-5361; e-mail amer@un.org); or Ms. Yasmeen Hassan, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-3162; e-mail hassan30@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "From Bosnia to Sierra Leone: An encounter with two children of war", on the occasion of the debate of the Security Council on children and armed conflict (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurence Gerard (tel. 1 (212) 963-0984; e-mail gerardl@un.org).]

Global forum on "Our common humanity in the information age: Principles and values for development" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 9.45 and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Robert de Jesus (tel. 1 (917) 367-2432; e-mail dejesus3@un.org); or visit <www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity>.]

Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Environmental governance: Key issues and perspectives" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social affairs, the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com); or the Permanent Mission of Switzerland (tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1117).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), by Wednesday, 29 November 2006.]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 November 2006

Security Council

5570th meeting

Security Council mission

Briefing by the Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the representative of Japan, His Excellency Mr. Kenzo Oshima, in his capacity as Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan.

5571st meeting

The situation in Africa

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Egeland.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Congo, Argentina, Denmark, the United States, Japan, France, Greece, Slovakia, China, the United Republic of Tanzania, Qatar, Ghana, the Russian Federation and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Peru.

Mr. Egeland responded to comments and questions raised.

5572nd meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/47).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

57th plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/61/250/Add.3) . . . . . [7]

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to the fourth report of the General Committee contained in document A/61/250/Add.3.

The General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 67 also directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action during the main part of the sixty-first session on the draft convention on the rights of persons with disabilities to be recommended for adoption by the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, in its report.

The General Assembly further decided to include in the agenda of the sixty-first session an additional item entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies", under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to consider this item directly in plenary meeting.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the Member States to a revised programme of work of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/INF/61/4/Rev.2.

The President also informed Member States that on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, the General Assembly would take up, as the fourth item, agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007), to consider a report of the Fifth Committee, to be issued as document A/61/592.

Main Committees

Second Committee

31st meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [42]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.46

The representative of Australia introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Canada and Finland.

Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development [51 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.3 and A/C.2/61/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Rapporteur, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, after which draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Sustainable development . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.23/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Cyprus, France, Greece and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 138 to 5, with 1 abstention.

Before the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Canada.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Lebanon and Argentina.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.26 and A/C.2/61/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, after which draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research . [59 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Action on draft decision A/C.2/61/L.38**

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Prayono Atiyanto (Indonesia), made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Third Committee

51st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [41]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.54/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Jordan orally revised the text and announced that Kenya had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria and the Philippines also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.54/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 41.

Advancement of women [61 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.10/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France orally corrected and revised the text and announced that Mozambique, Slovenia and Sweden should have been listed as sponsors on the document. He also announced that Australia, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Montenegro, Namibia, the Philippines, Poland, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.10/Rev.1, as orally corrected and revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a number of documents under the item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 61, as a whole.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [63 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.16/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Uruguay made a statement and announced that, in addition to the sponsors listed in the document, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,Timor-Leste, Turkey, Turkmenistan and the United Republic of Tanzania also joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Benin, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, the Philippines, Rwanda, Swaziland and Uzbekistan also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.16/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 176 to 1, with no abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Sri Lanka, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Uruguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and Singapore.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [65 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution read out by the Secretary at its 50th meeting.

The representative of South Africa further orally revised the draft resolution.

Kazakhstan also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 174 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Israel.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 65, as a whole.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.13/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Qatar and Israel.

The representative of Azerbaijan announced that the Member States of the United Nations members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference were also sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.13/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 109 to 7, with 59 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and the Russian Federation. After the vote, statements were made by the United States, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Argentina, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.30/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belarus made a statement and withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.30/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.33

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution and announced that China had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.33, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34

The Secretary read out an oral statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee agreed to defer action on the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.35, by a recorded vote of 122 to 53, with no abstentions.

52nd meeting

The summary of the 52nd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/227).

Fifth Committee

24th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea . . . . . [139]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/519).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/567).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 22 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Rosario Aguinaldo (Philippines).

United Nations pension system . . . . . [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Acting Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

Pattern of conferences . . . . . [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.6, which had been coordinated by the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement of explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.8, which had been coordinated by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna 8 April 1979

Accession: Montenegro (22 November 2006)[1]

Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. Geneva, 13 November 1979

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP). Geneva, 28 September 1984

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Namibia

H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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